

ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

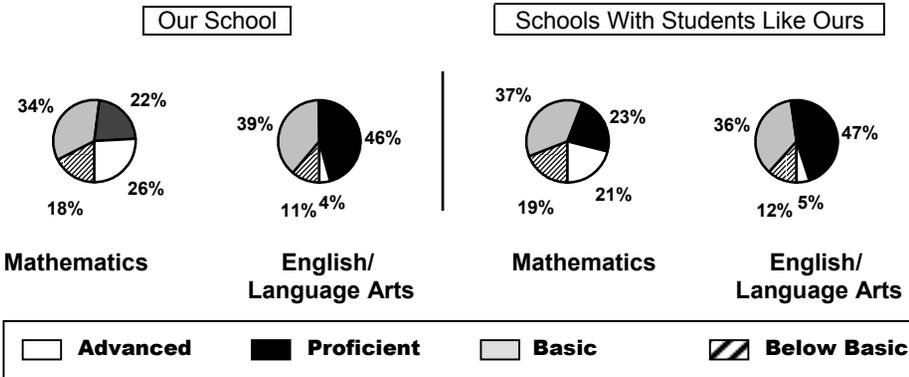
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 53.
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=233)	88.8	82.4	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=30)	60	43.3		
Students without disabilities (n=203)	93.1	88.2		
Gender				
Male (n=126)	84.1	79.4		
Female (n=107)	94.4	86		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=47)	80.9	68.1		
Hispanic (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=179)	90.5	86.6		
Other (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=64)	73.4	65.6		
Pay for lunch (n=169)	94.7	88.8		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,548	N/A	\$4,705	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	91.4%	Down from 92.9%	90.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22 to 1	N/A	20.5 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=614)				
• Attendance Rate	97.3%	Down from 99.2%	96.6%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.8%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	1.8%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96%	Up from 92.1%	95.2%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 1.5%	2.2%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=46)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.1 Days	Up from 7.9	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.4%	Up from 95.3%	95.4%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	50%	Down from 52.4%	55.2%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	84.8%	Down from 88.1%	86.1%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.8%	N/A	89%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,507	Up 6.5%	\$38,765	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	68.2%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	4	N/A	5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	97.9%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	29.4%	Down from 40%	29.5%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.5%	Down from 0.8%	0.6%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	29.2%	Up from 24.5%	25%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	7.2%	Down from 9.9%	7.9%	8.4%



**PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
COUNCIL REPORT**

River Ridge Elementary School provides an excellent facility which includes spacious classrooms, computer labs, state of the art media center, cafeteria, gymnasium, and fully equipped art and music rooms. Our faculty and staff of seventy-five serves 677 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade.

Students learn reading through a balanced literacy approach which includes the Four Blocks Literacy Model. In math, they learn to use problem solving strategies and critical thinking skills. 87% of our third grade students and 85% of our fourth graders scored Basic or above on the PACT ELA test. In math, 88% of our third graders and 87% of our fourth graders scored Basic or above on the Math PACT. All Basic and above percentages were above the state average.

The Preschool Satellite Program serves students as young as three years of age in academics and in speech/language. Our kindergarten program provides educational experiences for four and five year olds. Other programs available to our students in grades one through four include: SOAR (An Early Reading Intervention Program), English as a Second Language, TMD class, STAR (Our Afterschool Academic Program), Junior Achievement, Boys and Girls Sidekicks, PALS (Our Character Education Program), and REACH (our Gifted/Talented Program.)

Technological opportunities are abundant at River Ridge. Students have access to computers in classrooms and labs, digital cameras, video cameras, laser disks, scanners, printers, and the SMART Board.

Character Education is promoted as students learn responsibility through WEE Deliver, book store workers, flag helpers, The Morning Show (Daily News Broadcast), Grade Level Study Buddies, and Grade Level Pen Pals.

Teachers, parents, and the community work harmoniously to enrich the lives of all our students. Our business partners include PEP-Publix Educational Partnership, Tops Pizza, and One Price Clothing. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's education through PTO, School Improvement Council, Strategic Planning Team, Volunteer Program, and District-level committees.

Awards for River Ridge include a State Character Education Grant, a Service Learning Grant, SCIRA Literature Grants, and EIA Teacher Incentive Grant. Students and faculty were named a "National Outstanding School" for Do Something Kindness and Justice Award as they completed over 3,000 acts of kindness. River Ridge was awarded the South Carolina Incentive Award for 1998-99 and was named a 1999-2000 "Schools of Promise" winner.



River Ridge Elementary
5960 Reidville Road
Moore, SC 29369

Grades PK-4 Elementary School

Enrollment: 614 Students

Principal
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Board Chair
Neil F. Wyss 864-439-6559

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School Report Card	2001
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School Grade:
Excellent

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	91.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	88.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	95.6	90.5	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

South Carolina Performance Goal:
By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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